

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): A process for producing coated paper comprising:  
~~a step of~~ coating a non-contact coating composition for paper ~~comprising which~~  
comprises a pigment (A) on a surface of a base paper by a non-contact coating method, to  
obtain a coated film; and  
drying said coated film;  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said base paper has a center line average roughness of 3  
 $\mu\text{m}$  or less in a frequency region of a spatial frequency of 25 (1/mm) or less and a center line  
average roughness of ~~0.2  $\mu\text{m}$~~  0.3  $\mu\text{m}$  or more in a frequency region of a spatial frequency of  
25 (1/mm) or more.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The process for producing coated paper according to  
Claim 8, wherein said composition is coated on said base paper at a coating speed ~~[[is]]~~ from  
600 to 2,800 m/min.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The process for producing coated paper according to  
Claim 8,  
wherein said non-contact coating composition for paper further comprises a  
copolymer latex (B) and a wetting agent (C), and a ~~solid~~ solids content of said copolymer

latex (B) is from 5 to 30 parts by mass and a content of said wetting agent (C) is from 0.01 to 2 parts by mass based on 100 parts by mass of the total of said pigment (A).

Claim 11 (currently amended): The process for producing coated paper according to Claims 8,

wherein said pigment (A) consist of comprises a fine particle clay (a1) ~~containing~~ which comprises a component having a particle diameter of less than 2  $\mu\text{m}$  in an amount from 95 to 99% by mass, a high aspect clay (a2) ~~containing~~ which comprises a component having a particle diameter of less than 2  $\mu\text{m}$  in an amount from 80 to 89% by mass, and ~~other~~ another pigment (a3), and

wherein ~~a content ratio of~~ said fine particle clay (a1) and said high aspect clay (a2) ~~[[is]]~~ are present in a ratio of from 1/3 to 5/1, and ~~a content of~~ said ~~other~~ another pigment (a3) is present in an amount of 60% by mass or less based on 100% by mass of the total of said pigment (A).

Claim 12 (currently amended): The process for producing coated paper according to Claim 8,

wherein said non-contact coating method is a method selected from the group consisting of a curtain coating method and a spray coating method.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A coated paper ~~characterized by being~~ which is obtained by the production process as defined in Claim 8.

Claims 14-18 (canceled) .

Claim 19 (new): A process for producing coated paper, comprising:

coating a non-contact coating composition for paper on a surface of a base paper at a coating speed from 600 to 2,800 m/min by a non-contact coating method, to obtain a coated film; and

drying said coated film;

wherein said non-contact coating composition for paper comprises a pigment (A), a copolymer latex (B), a wetting agent (C), and a viscosity adjusting agent (D), and said composition has a viscosity of from 50 to 1,500 mPa·s and a dynamic surface tension of from 25 to 45 mN/m at a surface lifetime of 10 ms,

wherein said pigment (A) comprises a fine particle clay (a1), which comprises a component having a particle diameter of less than 2  $\mu\text{m}$  in an amount from 95 to 99% by mass, and a high aspect clay (a2), which comprises a component having a particle diameter of less than 2  $\mu\text{m}$  in an amount from 80 to 89% by mass, wherein said fine particle clay (a1) and said high aspect clay (a2) are present in a ratio of from 1/3 to 5/1, and said fine particle clay (a1) and said high aspect clay (a2) are present in an amount of 40% by mass or more based on 100% by mass of the total of said pigment (A), and

wherein said copolymer latex (B) has a solid content of from 5 to 30 parts by mass and said wetting agent, (C) is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 2 parts by mass based on 100 parts by mass of the total of said pigment (A).

Claim 20 (new): The process for producing coated paper according to Claim 19,

wherein said copolymer latex (B) is obtained by emulsion polymerization of an aliphatic conjugated diene monomer (a) in an amount from 30 to 60% by mass, an ethylenic unsaturated carboxylic acid monomer (b) in an amount from 0.1 to 7% by mass, and another

monomer (d) capable of being copolymerized with said monomers (a) and (b) in an amount from 33 to 69.9% by mass based on 100% by mass of the total amount of said monomers (a), (b), and (d).

Claim 21 (new): The process for producing coated paper according to Claim 19, wherein the composition is coated on said paper at coating speed of from 1,100 to 2,800 m/min.

Claim 22 (new): The process for producing coated paper according to Claim 19, wherein said non-contact coating method is a method selected from the group consisting of a curtain coating method and a spray coating method.

Claim 23 (new): A coated paper which is obtained by the production process as defined in Claim 19.